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Honorable Ron Machtley  
House of Representatives  
132 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Machtley:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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This is in reply to your letter of February 18, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the

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February 18, 1993

Mr. James Quello  
Acting Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing on behalf of a number of my constituents regarding the FCC's proposed rules which could effect radio controlled aircraft (PR DOCKET 92-235.)

My constituents have recently contacted me to express their opposition to any efforts by the FCC to create more mobile frequencies. It is my understanding that by splitting frequencies into more narrow band widths and rearranging the band plan, the 50 frequencies now available for radio control operations would be cut to 19. I have enclosed a copy of one of the letters I received from my constituents which details their concerns.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If I can provide you with any additional information, please

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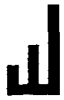
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FEBRUARY 1, 1993

THE HONORABLE RONALD MACHTLEY  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MACHTLEY:

I AM A RESIDENT OF RHODE ISLAND AND I AM A PROFESSIONAL  
PILOT. I AM WRITING YOU ABOUT MY CONCERN ABOUT PROPOSED RULES  
CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS



**John W. Juechter**

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February 2, 1993

The Honorable Ronald Machtley  
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Reference: *FCC Rule Making, PR Docket 92-235*

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affected. Thus, the present situation, while not *ideal* from our standpoint, is certainly workable with some caution on our part.

PR Docket 92-235 would assign additional frequencies 0.0025 and 0.0075 MHz away from our assigned frequencies, the allowable bandwidth of those frequencies would overlap our assigned frequencies, and the allowable power output of those transmitters would be 4 times ours. Furthermore, these proposed frequencies would be assigned to *mobile* telecommunications. Thus, frequency sweeps of our flying area would be meaningless as soon as they were completed.

It appears, therefore, that the FCC seeks to improve operating conditions of land mobile radio users (to be able to use equipment not yet built) at the expense of radio control modelers (using equipment already bought and paid for). While the FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, we have a considerable investment in our model equipment and represent a large national industry. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like me and contributes to advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help us to continue to enjoy our hobby by not allowing the FCC to enact PR Docket 92-235.

Very truly yours,

John W. Juechter

January 29, 1993

The Honorable Ronald K. Machtley, US Representative  
132 Cannon Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Mr. Machtley:

I have been interested in aviation for many years. Trained as a scientist, I have enjoyed all aspects of model aviation including design and flying. As president of the Rhode Island Soaring Club, which has been chartered for more than twenty years without a single accident, I must express my deep concern about proposed rules changes currently being considered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

These rules are presented in PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and would increase risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Currently we share the 72 - 76 MHz band with private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidth and changing the band separation we have enjoyed by interleaving them with our frequencies. As a result, this will cause radio interference and I am told that of the 50 frequencies currently available for control of model airplanes, only 19 will be left if these new rules are adopted.

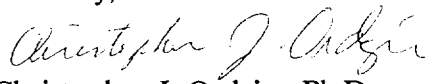
When we fly model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure safety for operators, bystanders and protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve careful coordinated use of radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is cut back as proposed by the FCC there will be congestion on the remaining frequencies and safety will be greatly reduced.

We fly model airplanes with wing spans of up to 16 ft and weights up to 40 pounds. These models are expensive to build but more importantly, can cause damage and injury if radio interference causes the operator to loose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I am strongly opposed to the FCC's plan to increase land mobile use at the expense of radio control modelers. Two years ago we underwent an expensive and complicated upgrade of our radio equipment giving us the use of 50 channels. Now all the effort and expense of that upgrade will be wasted if these rule changes are approved. We have considerable investment in our model and radio equipment and each year spend hard earned dollars contributing to the overall economy. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me and the Rhode Island Soaring Club continue safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

  
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